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MOTION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2255 TO VACATE, SET ASIDE, OR CORRECT **AT SEATTLE**

SENTENCE BY A PERSON IN FEDERAL CUSTODY

**CLERK U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
DEPUTY**

<b>United States District Court</b>		District Western District of Washington	
Name (under which you were convicted): Walli Mujahidh		Docket or Case No.: 2:11CR00228JLR-002	
Place of Confinement: FCI Estill, P.O. Box 699 Estill, SC 29918		Prisoner No.: 40738-086	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Movant (include name under which convicted) V. Walli Mujahidh	

**MOTION**

1. (a) Name and location of court which entered the judgment of conviction you are challenging:  
United States District Court for the Western District of Washington  
United States Courthouse  
700 Stewart Street, Room 2310  
Seattle, WA 98101-1271

(b) Criminal docket or case number (if you know): 2:11CR00228JLR-002

2. (a) Date of the judgment of conviction (if you know): April 8, 2013

(b) Date of sentencing: April 8, 2013

3. Length of sentence: 204 months as to Counts 1 & 2.  
120 months as to Count 9, to run concurrently

4. Nature of crime (all counts):  
Count 1: Conspiracy to murder Officers and Employees of the U.S. in violation to 18 USC §§1114(1) and 1117; Count 2: Conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction in violation to 18 USC §§2332a(a)(2)(C) and 2332(a)(3); Count 9: Unlawful possession of firearms in violation to 18 USC §§922(g)(1) and 2

5. (a) What was your plea? (Check one)

(1) Not guilty ☐

(2) Guilty ☒

(3) Nolo contendere (no contest) ☐

6. (b) If you entered a guilty plea to one count or indictment, and a not guilty plea to another count or indictment, what did you plead guilty to and what did you plead not guilty to?

6. If you went to trial, what kind of trial did you have? (Check one)

Jury ☐

Judge only ☐

7. Did you testify at a pretrial hearing, trial, or post-trial hearing?

Yes ☐

No ☒

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8. Did you appeal from the judgment of conviction?

Yes ☐No ☒

9. If you did appeal, answer the following:

(a) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Citation to the case (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(f) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_

(g) Did you file a petition for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court?

Yes ☐No ☐

If "Yes," answer the following:

(1) Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Citation to the case (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Other than the direct appeals listed above, have you previously filed any other motions, petitions, or applications, concerning this judgment of conviction in any court?

Yes ☒No ☐

11. If your answer to Question 10 was "Yes," give the following information:

(a) (1) Name of court: US District Court Western District of Washington at Seattle(2) Docket or case number (if you know): unknown(3) Date of filing (if you know): unknown

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(4) Nature of the proceeding: 3582(c)(2)

(5) Grounds raised: Amendment 782

(6) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐

No ☒

(7) Result: Denied

(8) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(b) If you filed any second motion, petition, or application, give the same information:

(1) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Docket of case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Date of filing (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Nature of the proceeding: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_

(6) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐

No ☐

(7) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(8) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Did you appeal to a federal appellate court having jurisdiction over the action taken on your motion, petition, or application?

(1) First petition:

Yes ☐

No ☐

(2) Second petition:

Yes ☐

No ☐

(d) If you did not appeal from the action on any motion, petition, or application, explain briefly why you did not:

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12. For this motion, state every ground on which you claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground. Any legal arguments must be submitted in a separate memorandum.

**GROUND ONE: THE MOVANT IS "ACTUALLY INNOCENT" OF POSSESSING A FIREARM BY A CONVICTED FELON.**

(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

Before "**Rehaif v. United States**," the Government only had to prove a person charged with a §922(g) offense "**knew**" he possessed a firearm. The Government did not have to prove that the accused person "**knew**" that he belonged to the relevant category of persons barred from possessing firearms that made possession of a firearm illegal. "**Rehaif**" held that "**that was wrong**"- to obtain a conviction under §922(g), the Government "**NOW**" has to prove "**both**" that a defendant "**knew**" he possessed a firearm, "**and**" that he "**knew**" he belonged to the relevant category of persons barred from possessing firearms. The "**same principle**" that governs over "**Rehaif v. United States**" applies to the Movant's conviction under 18 U.S.C. §922(g) and 2. The "**facts**" that support this Ground are accurately set forth in the attached Memorandum of Law in support of Motion to Vacate, Set Aside, or Correct Sentence Under Title 28 U.S.C. §2255.

**(b) Direct Appeal of Ground One:**

- (1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes ☐ No ☒

- (2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why:

Because the Movant did not know -and was never told- that the word knowingly in §924(a)(2) applies both to his conduct and to his status.

**(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

- (1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☒

- (2) If you answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

- (3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

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(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐

No ☐

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise the issue in the appeal?

Yes ☐

No ☐

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed:

Docket or case number (if you know):

Date of the court's decision:

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available):

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue:

**GROUND TWO:**

(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

**(b) Direct Appeal of Ground Two:**

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes ☐

No ☐



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(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why:

**(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(2) If you answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise the issue in the appeal?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue:

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**GROUND THREE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

\_\_\_\_\_

**(b) Direct Appeal of Ground Three:**

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why:

\_\_\_\_\_

**(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(2) If you answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise the issue in the appeal?

Yes ☐ No ☐

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(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed:

Docket or case number (if you know):

Date of the court's decision:

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available):

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue:

**GROUND FOUR:**

(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

**(b) Direct Appeal of Ground Four:**

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes ☐

No ☐

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why:

**(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐

No ☐

(2) If you answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:



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Type of motion or petition: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐No ☐

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐No ☐

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise the issue in the appeal?

Yes ☐No ☐

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Is there any ground in this motion that you have not previously presented in some federal court? If so, which ground or grounds have not been presented, and state your reasons for not presenting them:

Ground One of the Movant's Motion has never been presented in any Federal Court because the Movant "did not know" -and "was never told"- that the Government must prove "both" that the Movant "knew" he possessed firearms, "and" that the Movant belonged to the relevant category of persons barred from possessing firearms.

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14. Do you have any motion, petition, or appeal now pending (filed and not decided yet) in any court for the you are challenging? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "Yes," state the name and location of the court, the docket or case number, the type of proceeding, and the issues raised.

15. Give the name and address, if known, of each attorney who represented you in the following stages of the judgment you are challenging:

(a) At the preliminary hearing: UNKNOWN

(b) At the arraignment and plea: Lee A. Covell / Michele Shaw  
119 1st Ave Ste 500 / 2003 W. Ave Ste 330  
Seattle, WA 98104 / Seattle, WA 98121

(c) At the trial:

(d) At sentencing: Lee A. Vovell / Michele Shaw  
119 1st Ave Ste 500 / 2003 W. Ave Ste 330  
Seattle, WA 98104 / seattle, WA 98121

(e) On appeal:

(f) In any post-conviction proceeding:

(g) On appeal from any ruling against you in a post-conviction proceeding:

16. Were you sentenced on more than one court of an indictment, or on more than one indictment, in the same court and at the same time? Yes ☒ No ☐

17. Do you have any future sentence to serve after you complete the sentence for the judgment that you are challenging? Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) If so, give name and location of court that imposed the other sentence you will serve in the future:

(b) Give the date the other sentence was imposed: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Give the length of the other sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Have you filed, or do you plan to file, any motion, petition, or application that challenges the judgment or sentence to be served in the future? Yes ☐ No ☒

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18. **TIMELINESS OF MOTION:** If your judgment of conviction became final over one year ago, you must explain why the one-year statute of limitations as contained in 28 U.S.C. § 2255 does not bar your motion.\*

A movant can overcome the one-year statute of limitations for filing a §2255 Motion by asserting a credible claim of actual innocence. (see *McQuiggin v. Perkins*, 569 U.S. 383, 386, 133 S. Ct. 1924, 185 L. Ed. 2d 1019 (2013)). To establish "**actual innocence**," the Movant must show that, in light of new evidence, it is more likely than not that no reasonable Juror would have found him guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. *Id.* (citing *Schlup v. Delo*, 513 U.S. 298, 329, 115 S. Ct. 851, 130 L. Ed. 2d 808 (1995)).

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\* The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 ("AEDPA") as contained in 28 U.S.C. § 2255, paragraph 6, provides in part that:

A one-year period of limitation shall apply to a motion under this section. The limitation period shall run from the latest of –

- (1) the date on which the judgment of conviction became final;
- (2) the date on which the impediment to making a motion created by governmental action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States is removed, if the movant was prevented from making such a motion by such governmental action;
- (3) the date on which the right asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if that right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review; or
- (4) the date on which the facts supporting the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.

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Therefore, the Movant asks that the Court grant the following relief:

The Movant (Walli Mujahidh), most humbly and respectfully requests Honorable United States District Judge, James L. Robart, to **VACATE** his sentence on Count Nine (9): Unlawful Possession of Firearms in violation to Title 18 U.S.C. §§922(g)(1) and 2.

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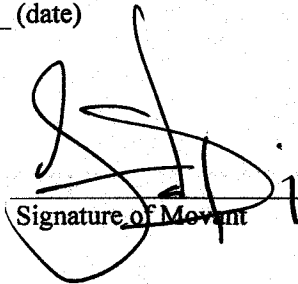
or any other relief to which movant may be entitled.

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Signature of Attorney (if any)

I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 was placed in the prison mailing system on November 12, 2019.  
(month, date, year)

Executed (signed) on november 12, 2019 (date)

  
Signature of Movant

If the person signing is not movant, state relationship to movant and explain why movant is not signing this motion.

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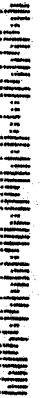
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